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## AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

ATTN.: Box FEE AMENDMENT Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's First Office Action Dated July 3, 2001 with a three month petition for an extension of time 200%,00 please amend the application as follows: 01 FC:202

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the existing claim 42 with the following amended claim:

(Thrice amended) A communication network for the transmission of data within and between one or more remote data access subsystems at least one intermediate data collecting